



# Acquisition Directorate

## Head of Contract Activity

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Ms. Grady is the Head of Contracting Activity for the U.S. Coast Guard and Director of Contracting & Procurement, providing leadership on procurement operations and policy development and also serves as the Competition Advocate.

Prior to assuming this position in July 2007, Ms. Grady was the Director of Strategic Initiatives in the Office of Chief Procurement Officer for the Department of Homeland Security where she provided strategic direction impacting DHS' multi-billion dollar contracting and financial assistance programs through a broad portfolio of acquisition initiatives, including Acquisition Policy, Grants Policy and Oversight, Strategic Sourcing, Competitive Sourcing, and Acquisition Systems.

Ms. Grady has been a certified acquisition professional since 1996 and is Level III certified in Contracting by DOD and DHS. Prior to joining DHS, Ms. Grady held a number of critical procurement positions within the Department of the Navy, including serving as the Deputy Division Director for Surface Weapon Systems at the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) where she provided executive leadership and strategic guidance for the acquisition of major weapon systems with annual obligations in excess of \$4.5B. She has extensive experience in developing and implementing successful acquisition strategies and business solutions. Over the course of her career, Ms. Grady has served as contracting officer for the Navy's latest Amphibious Assault Combat Ship (LPD 17), program manager for the multi-billion dollar Navy-wide acquisition of contractor support services (SeaPort) and Director of Strategic Initiatives for the NAVSEA Contracts Directorate.

Ms. Grady received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Trinity University, a Master in Business Administration degree from the University of Maryland and a Master of Science degree in National Resource Strategy from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.